

## LA FOLLETTE IS LIBERAL BLOC'S FINANCE CHOICE

Boomed as Successor to Edge by Members of 'Young Guard.'

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The senate's liberal bloc determined on a new objective today as part of its tariff fight.

It wants to obtain for Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr. the place on the senate finance committee to be left vacant by resignation of Walter E. Edge of New Jersey.

Meanwhile the "new guard" has a candidate of its own for the place, Senator John Thomas of Idaho.

The two groups are agreed only one point that the west is entitled to a place on the senate's tariff-making committee. Geographically, the liberals believe they have the best of the argument, for the states most prominent in the movement for La Follette are the midwestern group.

Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and this territory has no spokesman on the committee. States farther west have Smoot and Utah and Shortridge of California to look after their interests.

Senator Gerald W. Nye of North Dakota is a member of the committee on committees which will make the selection and his support of La Follette probably will be a strong factor.

The "young guard" has no mem-

## Armless, Yet They Fly



Charles McGonigel, left, has lost both arms, and Loxa Thornton, right, has only one arm—but those handicaps do not keep them from flying their own planes. Both are pilots, and participated in the California Air Tours good-will flight. Note the mechanical attachments that serve for hands.

ber representing it on the committee, which largely is composed of old guard members and not likely to be enthusiastic about selection of either La Follette or Thomas. McNary is chairman and the other members are Moses, whose feud with the liberals still is bitter; Smoot, Reed, Edge, Oddie, Bingham, Nye, and Deneen.

However the old guard lacks numerical strength to name one of its own men without the help of one of the other groups if the fight should be carried to the senate floor

## U. S. BUILDING PROJECTS WILL BE SPEEDED UP

New Federal Structures Are Needed in 311 Small Cities.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Congress is preparing to consider President Hoover's plan to speed up federal building construction throughout the country as one means of stimulating industry.

An increase of \$100,000,000 for projects outside of Washington and an addition of \$75,000,000 for projects within the capital will be authorized in the treasury department appropriations bill, which will be reported to congress next month. The plan has the endorsement of Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Elliott of Indiana, chairmen of the public buildings committees.

More than \$200,000,000 has been authorized in the last three years for federal building construction in the larger cities. A part of this work is now in progress, but actual

construction of many buildings has not been started.

But, in addition to this, a survey by representatives of the treasury and post office departments has disclosed need for new federal buildings in 311 smaller cities.

The survey showed that in many sections of the country there are large areas, some greater in size than some of the smaller states of the union, where no federal building ever has been erected.

In addition there are many industrial centers, which have sprung into prominence in recent years, which are without federal buildings.

"The psychological effect of the government having a building in such places should not be under-estimated," the report declared.

The survey called for a need of \$398,000,000 to meet the more urgent needs of the country. Of this sum \$198,000,000 has yet to be authorized. President Hoover will urge that \$100,000,000 of this total be authorized during the coming session of congress.

Every state in the union is included in projects for larger cities heretofore authorized or contemplated and every state will be a beneficiary of the new program which includes smaller cities.

Celebrate "Iron" Wedding  
By United Press  
KATTENITZ, Germany, Nov. 22.—After 65 years of married life, Mr. and Mrs. August Krell have celebrated their "Iron" wedding anniversary.

## LONE AMERICAN IN VATICAN CITY IS ASTRONOMER

Father John Hagen Has Served Under Three Different Popes.

By United Press

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 22.—Father John Hagen, 82 years old, is the only American among the 500 odd citizens of the Papal state, would "like to have another American or two" migrate to Vatican City.

"It is a melancholy privilege to be the sole American citizen of the pontifical state," said the old Jesuit father in a conversation with a United Press correspondent today.

Father Hagen has directed the

pontifical astronomical observatory in the Vatican gardens for twenty-three years under three popes. He is almost a hermit, living in seclusion in his observatory and seeing few except his assistant, Giuseppe Manuele.

He rarely leaves the Vatican, and every clear night he gazes into the heavens until morning. He talked to the correspondent in the reception room of the observatory, which once was the summer villa of Pope Leo XIII.

A tall, gaunt figure, in black skull-cap and long black cassock, he appeared to emerge from a world of telescopes and mathematical equations.

"Here I am," he said. "Look at me Kodak me if you will. I am the oldest active astronomical observer in the world. I am nearly 83 and my eyes are still good. They say the constant use of the telescope ruins the eyes but I always have used my right eye and it is as good as the left."

"I have only one assistant but I don't envy those who have twenty or thirty, for then I should do no work myself."

Father Hagen was nominated for

his post by Pius X and has not been in the United States for twenty-four years. He lived in America for about twenty-five years before coming here and he probably never would go back.



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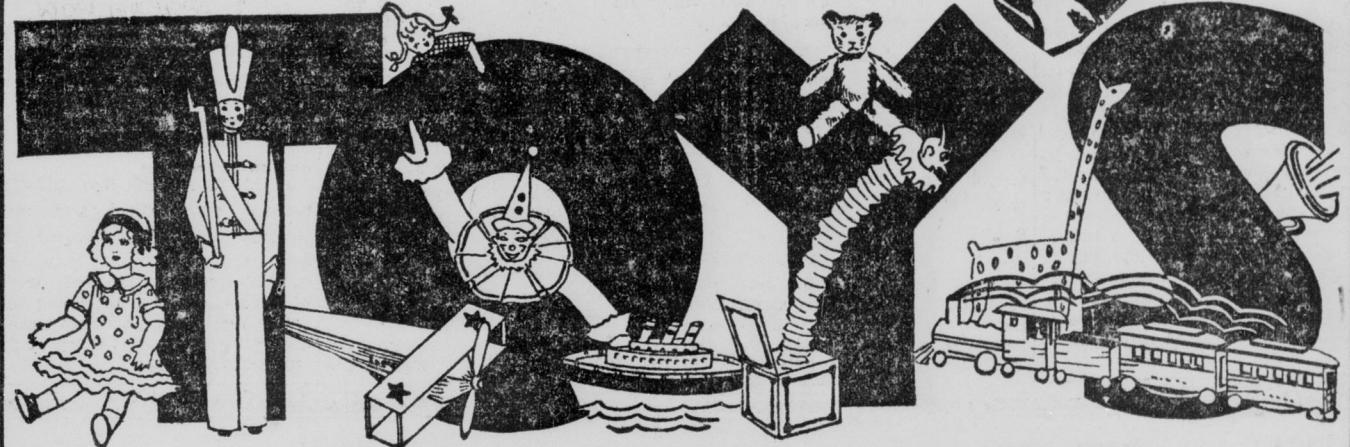
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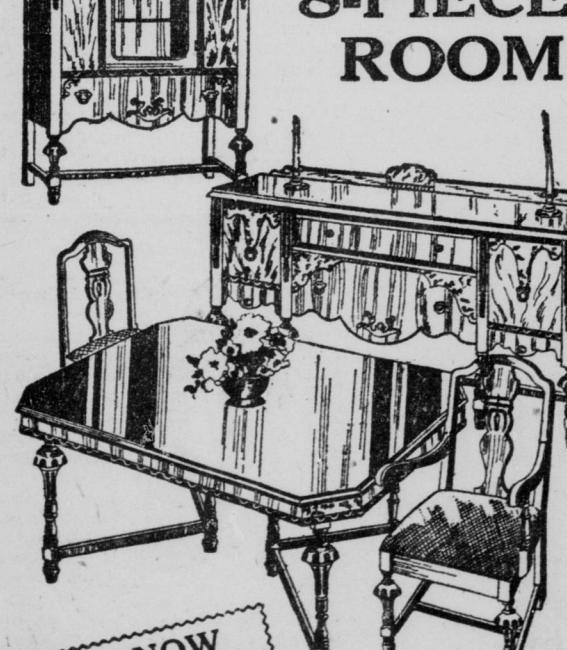
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